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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1. – 88. (CANCELLED)

- 89. (New) A method of increasing oxygen levels in a tissue of <u>an</u> individual in need thereof, the method comprising administering a composition to said individual, wherein said composition comprises between about 10% and about 25% free available oxygen by volume.
- 90. (New) The method of claim 89, wherein the composition comprises a solution, gel, semi-solid, paste, lotion, mist, spray, foam, suppository, ointment, or emulsion.
- 91. (New) The method of claim 90, wherein said composition comprises a solution, wherein said solution comprises an aqueous solution.
- 92. (New) The method of claim 91, wherein said aqueous solution is administered in the form of a drop.
- 93. (New) The method of claim 91, wherein said aqueous solution is supported by a substrate.
- 94. (New) The method of claim 89, wherein the composition is administered topically, transcutaneously, transdermally, subcutaneously, subdermally, intraveneously, intradermally, intrathecally or intraperitoneally.
- 95. (New) The method of claim 94, wherein said composition is administered locally to said tissue.
- 96. (New) The method of claim 94, wherein said composition is administered by injection.
- 97. (New) The method of claim 89, wherein said composition is a sustained release form.
- 98. (New) The method of claim 89, wherein said composition is administered by a transdermal patch or in the form of a body wrap,
  - 99. (New) The method of claim 89, wherein said tissue is hypoxic tissue.
  - 100. (New) The method of claim 89, wherein said tissue comprises eye tissue.
- 101. (New) The method of claim 89, wherein said individual is suffering from a medical condition of the eye or pain.

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102. (New) The method of claim 101, wherein said medical condition of the eye is selected from the group consisting of retinopathy, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, glaucoma, ocular ischemia, and corneal hypoxia.

- 103. (New) A method of treating a medical condition in an individual in need of increased tissue oxygen levels, the method comprising administering a composition to said individual, wherein said composition comprises between about 10% and about 25% free available oxygen by volume.
- 104. (New) The method of claim 103, wherein said medical condition is selected from the group consisting of retinopathy, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, glaucoma, ocular ischemia, and corneal hypoxia.
- 105. (New) The method of claim 103, further comprising treating said individual with gene therapy.